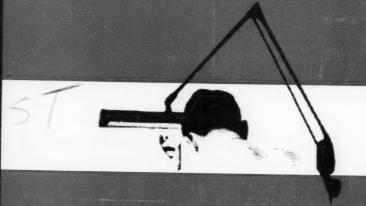
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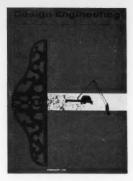
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This month's cover

Better design for the drafting room is DE's editorial theme for February. Artist Bryan Mills put his imagination to work and came up with a terse, perhaps acid, evaluation of the subject. But man on the cover seems oblivious to the illuminating treatment he gets *inside* the book.



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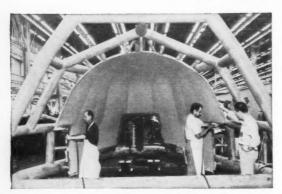
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ber of the Optical Tooling Engineers

Association and the Graphic Reproduc-

tion Association of Toronto. Calisthenics in the cockpit?

Yoga every day, flying, chess keep Win Straube, author of "Fatigue — greatest enemy of accuracy", on the active list. Being vp and executive director of Kuhlmann Straube Co. turns the screws tighter. But Straube loves it. And as a crusader for modern engineering equipment, he has an axe to grind about drafting facilities. Straube has a B.A. in business administration from Frankfurt U — came to Canada in 1953.

Raising steam and an heir

Alex MacDonald handles the Raised Eyebrows Department with his piece on "The Canadian engineer as a lawmaker". His fact-digging unearthed some chilling truths viz., only nine out of 33,000 engineers hold elected office in provincial or federal parliaments. Who cares? "A lot of important people in Canada do care," says MacDonald. "Many government leaders think engineers are unusually qualified to assume national roles. It's the engineers themselves who're indif-

ferent." MacDonald is a writer with Maclean-Hunter editorial services. His hobby used to be sailing "Miniature" his 30 ft. schooner. Now time evaporates as he ogles his new son and heir, Dave.

Mixture of maths and burgees

The Vice-Commodore of Kingston Yacht Club wrote the article on advanced mathematical instruments. For S. S. Lazier is also Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering at Queen's University. His specialty: hydraulics, surveying, structural design. Lazier is also consultant to the Pulp and Paper Research Institute. A small boat racing enthusiast, he is CO of the Oueen's COTC contingent.

From coal to compass

President of his namesake company, James W. Stevenson has been importing technical precision instruments since 1951. Before this, he was employed by the U. S. Government in Southern Germany. For some years he worked in his family's coal importing business — but had sharper things lined up for his future. Stevenson has two teen-age children, says photography, swimming and boating are his hobbies.

French electronics sound different

Well entrenched as a DE contributor, W. H. (B.II) Sheppard (Perspective projections simplified) is now a demonstrator in the mechanical engineering department of McGill University. In his spare time, he is taking a refresher course in electronics, in French; expects to spend the summer on the DEW line. Sheppard of course is a bachelor.





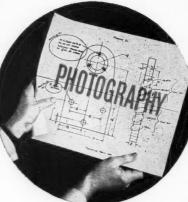








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Reports

A news roundup of items of engineering and design interest from the world over

Publicity boost for Canada's nuclear power industry



The story of Canada's uranium and nuclear power industries is being told in the marbled halls of Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum. Originated by the Uranium Producers Committee of the Canadian Metal Mining Association, the exhibition is open to the public through April 30. Intricate models of reactors and mills, photographs and samples of ore and cobalt bomb cancer therapy machines are included. Object of the show is to depict Canada as a world leader in nuclear power research. In this photograph Ray Phelps of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and S. G. Ferrar (right) of the Canadian Metal Mining Association, examine a cutaway model of the NRX reactor. NRX is research unit at Chalk River.

New ultra-accuracy in measuring roundness



Some engineering notes sent from Britain tell us that a machine for measuring roundness with unusual accuracy has been developed. The machine is suitable for setting up standards, yet available at a price that makes it suitable for general workshop or production inspection. The gauging pick-up on the machine is carried by a spindle revolving in an air bearing. A concentricity of .000005-in. is maintained, and the bearing needs a working pressure of 60 lbs. sq. in. The pick-up is power-rotated at one r.p.m. and bears a stylus to contact the work periphery. As the spindle rotates, the stylus moves round the periphery of the component under inspection — produces a signal in the pick-up head. Signal is amplified then fed into a chart recorder indicating the state of roundness in documentary form.

Top speed: 120 aluminum cans per minute



The machine shown here produces 120 aluminum beer cans per minute. We understand this is twice as fast as any other impact extrusion equipment available. The 11-oz. cans are made on a 400-ton, straight side and single action press. It is equipped with a variable speed motor and can operate at any speed between 40 and 120 strokes every minute. Blanks are fed by means of a hopper directly connected to the press drive for accurate timing. The can bodies are made from 2S aluminum blanks of 2½-in. diameter and ⅓-in. thickness. Wall thickness of the extruded can is 0.010-in. Made by the E. W. Bliss Co., the press saves storage and shipping charges, as it's only necessary to transport the blanks. Of course what goes in the can is none of our business.

You need scissors for your next paint job



The girl is peeling off a sheet of pre-dried, self-adhesive paint. This means that any objections you've had to painting by brush or roller, are no longer valid in your wife's eyes. The pre-dried paint comes in sandwich form — sealed between two layers of paper. One protects the adhesive, the other the paint surface. To apply, first cut the paint film to exact size needed. Then strip off the backing on the adhesive side and press to the surface. Once in place, remove top layer of paper and presto! you have a bright, new painted surface ready for years of hard use. The odorless, streakless, paint has been tested on walls, airplane wings, furniture and signs. Morgan Adhesives Co. dated the brush and bucket routine.

Extremes of temperatures used with honeycomb brazing



When using a new method of making aircraft wings by honeycomb brazing, extreme and arbitrary temperatures are needed. Wing sections get brazed at 1,650 F, are air-cooled to 100 F then frozen to —120 F. The big chill is not easy—in fact takes a living room size deep freezer (one shown is 16 ft wide x 26 ft long). It is thought to be one of the first of its size ever fabricated. Made by Tenney Engineering, the unit can process a mass load of 14,000 lb in about 150,000 lb of methylene chloride brine. Another freezer is being built to half-as-big-again capacity. But you won't see these units in year-end clearance sales; the price tag reads \$140,000.

No secret to this cost-cutting operation



Another cost-cutting story, this time in the manufacture of housings for cooling towers, condensers, evaporators. Eighty percent less welding requirements, greatly reduced scrap losses and a 72-in. steel sheet instead of the 48-in, one make up the secret. Hand in hand with the savings are simplified design and fabrication techniques and improved product appearance. Front panel of this Halstead and Mitchell 40-ton air-cooled condenser was made in one piece. By using similar 72-in. size of steel sheet, the bottom pans of water cooling towers are being made in one piece. Corner welds only are then needed. By using this method, much of the firm's equipment has been improved in over-all design plus substantial savings in fabrication costs.

Plexiglas hood filters dust particles to 0.5 micron



The dust hood shown here can be an inexpensive way of eliminating airborne dust during laboratory, assembly or inspection operations. It allows full visibility and unimpeded movement of arms and hands. A quiet blower at the top of the unit forces room air into the dust hood through a large area filter. This removes dust particles down to 0.5 micron diameter and provides positive pressure which prevents unfiltered room air from entering the open front of the unit. The "Microvoid" hood weighs 35 lb. and can be custom made to fit microscopes and other special equipment. Air-Shields Inc. make this aid for high reliability programs.

Hot cell in the Santa Susana Mountains



Have you ever heard of the Santa Susana Mountains near Los Angeles? Well, they're the site of the largest privately-owned facility in the world for remote examination of radioactive materials, we are told. Its name is the Components Development Hot Cell. Fuel elements from the Sodium Reactor Experiment (SRE) and the Organic Moderated Reactor Experiment (OMRE) are examined in the facility. SRE and OMRE are experimental power projects conducted by Alomics International for the Atomic Energy Commission. An unusual feature of the facility is its ability to maintain an inert atmosphere of less than one per cent oxygen in each operating cell. Shielding is provided by 42-in. thick concrete walls which separate the cells from the operating gallery. There are nine operating stations.

Waffle floor sections slash construction costs



While reinforced concrete is still an economical way of constructing large buildings, it has limitations. For example the practical maximum distance between two columns for unsupported concrete slabs is 26 ft. More than this, and the additional thickness becomes too costly and impractical architecturally. One answer to this problem is shown here—reinforced plastic forming-pans to create waffle-type floor sections. Molding the concrete in waffle forms saves up to 25% of the slab weight without strength loss. Less cost per sq. ft. of construction, more rental space and increased design flexibility, too. The plastic pans are made by Protective Plastics Ltd, and can be used up to 20 times.



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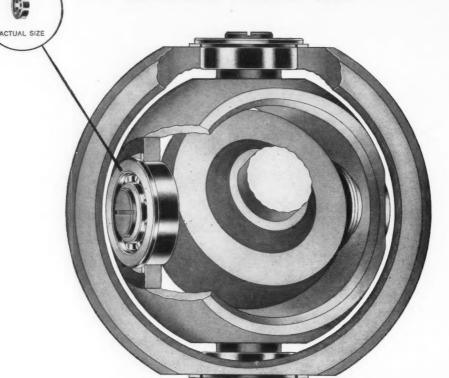
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Engineer or scientist?

"Basically, the distinction between science and engineering is simple," says D. R. Corson, Dean of Engineering, Cornell University, "because science is concerned with the discovery of knowledge and engineering is concerned with the application of already discovered knowledge.

"Sometimes, however, the line between science and engineering cannot be drawn at all. The pace at which new scientific information enters the technological world is so fast that the engineer often must be a competent scientist in his own right to be able to design the engineering product with which he is concerned," according to the Dean.

Gas turbines at Westinghouse

A multimillion dollar contract placed in December by Canadian Utilities Limited, Edmonton, with the Canadian Westinghouse Company marks the initial entry by this country's electrical manufacturing firms into the gas turbine field. This will be the first 25,000-kilowatt gas turbine generator to be completely engineered and built in Canada.

Nuclear reactor design

Not too many of Canada's designers will ever have the opportunity to work on a nuclear reaction design project—but developments in the field are always of interest.

For instance, we have been informed that another step to bring cheap nuclear power closer to reality was recently revealed at the annual ASME meeting. Essentially, the proposal is to eliminate the huge metal domes that now surround nuclear power plants (similar to the dome on the Indian reactor supplied by Canada under the Colombo Plan) by substituting a pool of cold water and a much smaller dome.

In current practice, steel domes are provided to protect the atmosphere and neighborhood. The domes have to be big enough and strong enough to hold all the escaping energy from all possible forms of accident. This proviso has been a very hard target to hit.

Athlone Fellowships

Forty-one young Canadian engineers will be selected in 1960 for two years' post-graduate training in industrial establishments or universities in the U. K. under The Athlone Fellowship scheme. Ten of these men will be engineers who have already been employed in industry.

Application forms are available from the Registrars of the major universities in Canada.

Young company with big order

Quebec Hydro Electric Commission has ordered an automatic data logger for its Charland Substation from Central Dynamics, Ltd. of Pointe Claire, Quebec. This young, all-Canadian organization is the first Canadian company to design and completely manufacture this type of equipment in Canada.

CISC Film Library

The Canadian Institute of Steel Construction maintains a 16 mm film library of interest to architects, engineers and engineering students. These films are excellent for showing at professional group meetings. Send requests for information to CISC, 388 Yonge St., Toronto.

New Quebec tube mill

Standard Tube and T.I. Limited, have expanded their facilities in the province of Quebec to keep pace with the economic growth of the area. Welded Steel Tubing is now being manufactured by the company in a new mill in Montreal.

Hydraulic turbine order

The largest single order for hydraulic turbines ever placed by a Canadian power utility was recently awarded to Dominion Engineering, Lachine, by the Quebec Hydro. The order—12 Kaplon type turbines, each rated at 60,000 hp, is for the giant Caillon power project.

3M buys Filmsort

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company have moved into the microfilm field with the recent acquisition of The Filmsort Company, which will be operated as a division of 3M. Filmsort were one of the pioneers in the use of microfilm for engineering drawings.

Canadian boxcars on test

Ten heated boxcars which can maintain a constant temperature for as long as 40 days without refuelling are undergoing tests before entering service in the Atlantic region of the CNR.

The cars, which were designed in Canada, were built by the Eastern Car Company of Trenton, N.S. Once again, Canada is taking the lead in railway rolling stock design.

Design seminar

The University of Illinois will hold a two-day seminar on April 28 and 29 on "Aids in design room management". The seminar will deal with such topics as use of drawings in design of printed circuits, models as an aid in design and construction, applied psychology in management, auditing drafting work and management.

Other scheduled topics are present and future use of machines in connection with engineering drawings, use of tape to control machines, statistical control of tolerances, and microfilming.

For further information communicate with Prof. J. S. Dobrovolny, at the university in Urbana, Illinois. The seminar program sounds like an ideal follow-up course for this issue of DE.

Inventors exhibition

The ninth International Inventors Exhibition will be held in Belgium during March. At this most important technical exhibition only new inventions, from all fields, are shown. Many of them have never been displayed to the public previously. Many inventions from Canada and the United States are scheduled for the show.

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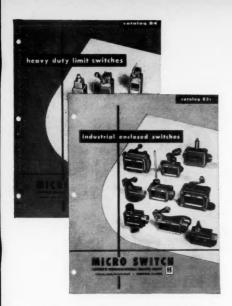
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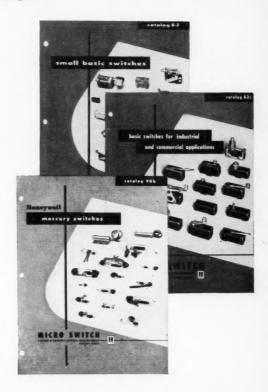
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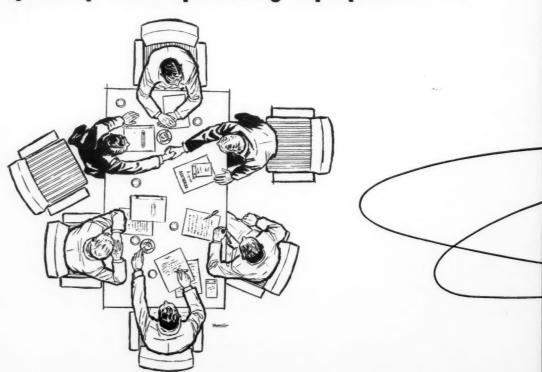
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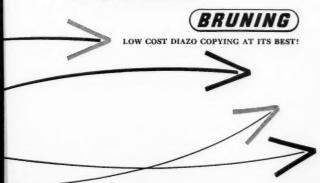
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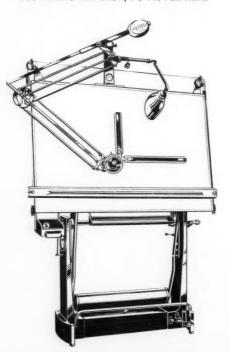


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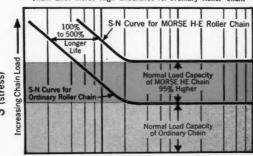
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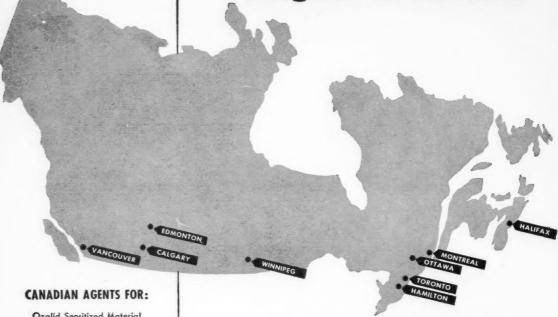
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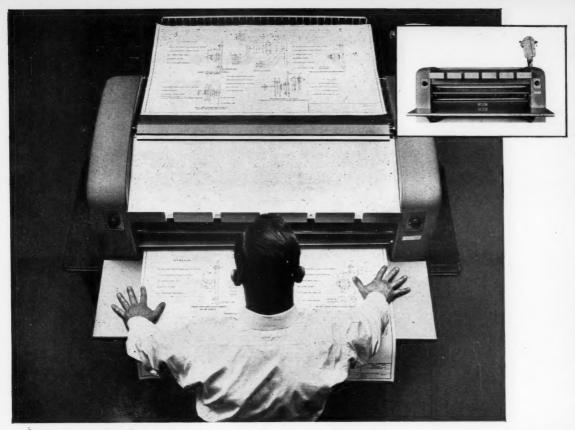
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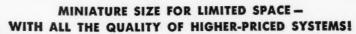
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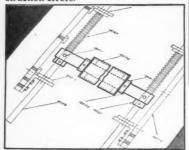
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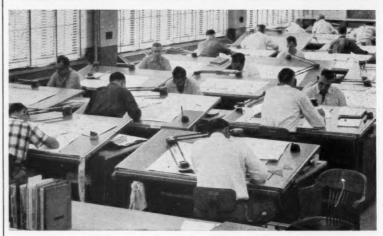
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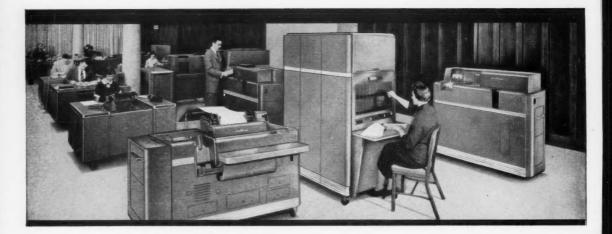
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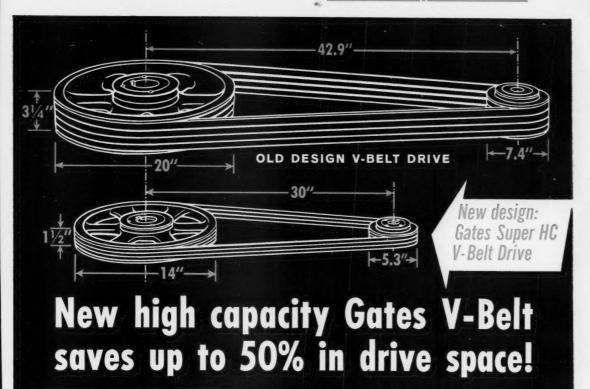
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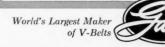


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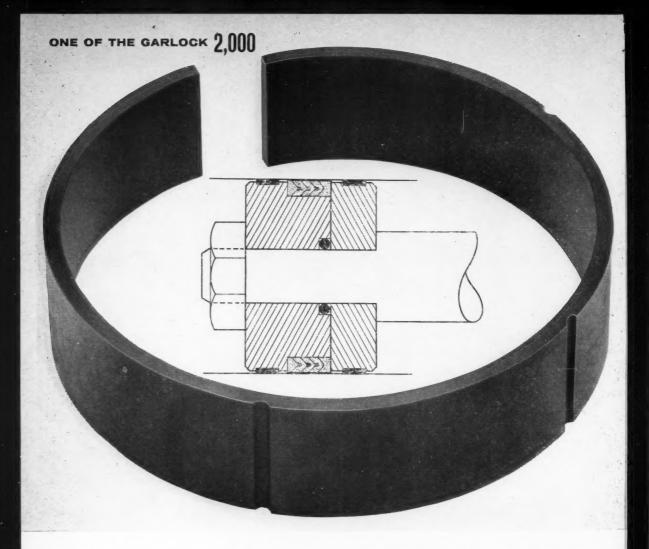
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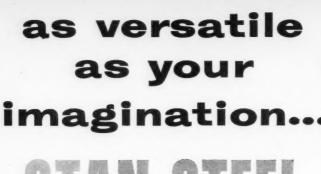
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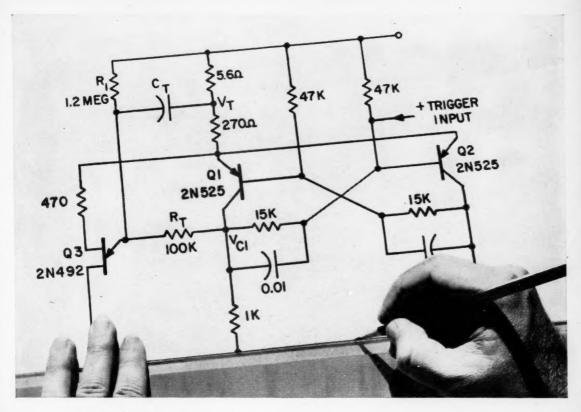
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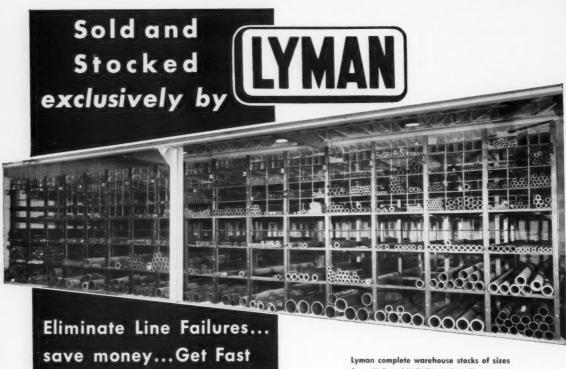


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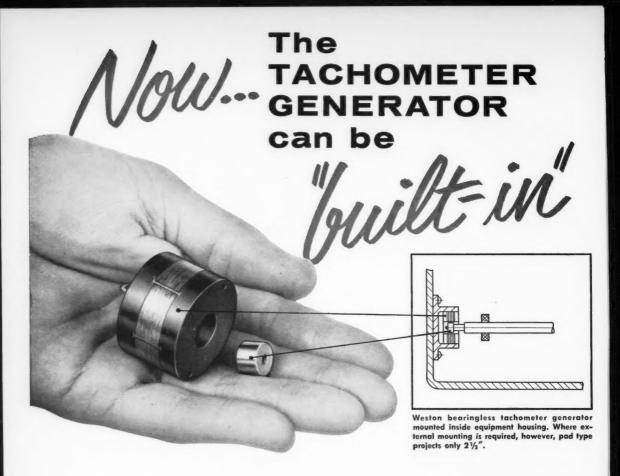
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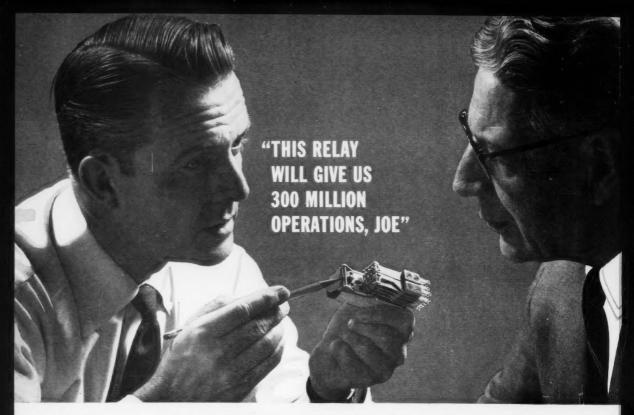
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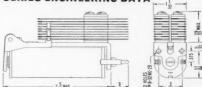
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Design Engineering looks . . . at the design and drawing office

In the growing complexity of modern business, the man who sits, or more usually stands, at the drafting desk becomes increasingly important. So, too, do his surroundings, the atmosphere where he works, and the equipment he works with. Not all managements realize this.

Your editor was recently the guest of an executive in a large manufacturing firm not too many miles from our downtown office in Toronto. The furnishings in this executive's office were, of course, in fitting with his stature as a business manager.

The secretary's office, too, was quite adequately equipped. She sat on the very latest design of posture-pedic chair; an intercom unit connected her office with her boss's. She typed on a super-deluxe model electric machine and used an automatic calculator (about once a week, she confided). The office was lined with modern filing cabinets, and indeed, it appeared that every possible consideration had been given to providing the best of working conditions for this secretary.

The accounting department, too, had done a good job of selling the boss on their requirements. Full machine accounting had been installed. Expensive data processing equipment had revolutionized their office procedures, the manager proudly explained.

Then we went to the engineering and design office. What a contrast! Engineer-designers were using 25-year-old manual type adding machines; draftsmen were hunched over horizontal boards; the lighting could not have been much better than that on the Queen Flizabeth Way; drawings and prints were stored in stacks on open shelves—we could go on, but we are certain by now that you have the picture.

How this businessman expected to get creative designs and effective engineering from such an ill-equipped department is way beyond our imagination. We remember, too, that every product manufactured in his plant, every cent of income that his firm earns, is born in these surroundings.

When one considers the high cost of creating and recording an engineering design (some run into the millions) and then balances against that cost the low investment required to equip the drafting and design office with the very best of facilities—there can be no plausible excuse for failing to take advantage of all the benefits to be derived from such an investment.

Besides, design engineers and draftsmen are among the most highly trained workers in industry. The Canadian economy would fall flat on its face without their creations. Protecting their health and eyesight, facilitating their imaginative capabilities, adequately rewarding them for their labors, and just generally making it as easy as possible for them to perform their daily tasks, is a readily recognized method of cutting costs, improving production and increasing profits.

Not all engineering offices in Canada are as poorly equipped as the example we have just cited. We feel quite certain, though, that there is not a single office in the country which could not be found wanting in one respect or another.

With this thought in mind we have invited some of the experts to present their facts and findings for our guidance. The next 15 pages tell their story.

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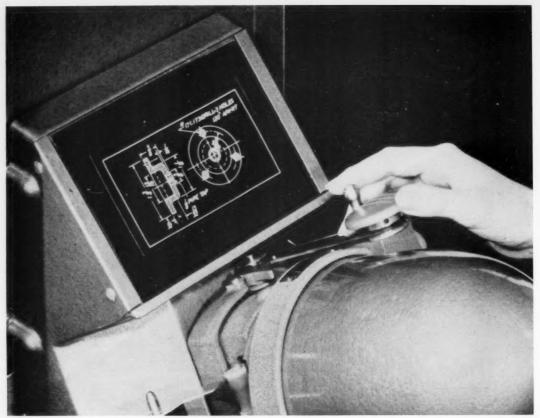


Fig 1. Electrostatic microfilm enlarger-printer enlarges up to 16 times; can print material as big as 18x24 in.

Cost-cutting with automated microfilm

One manufacturer saved 99 % on storage space, plus equipment economies

Russell M. Shepherd

Through the use of integrated microfilm systems, industrial firms throughout Canada are cutting their filing and storage costs and reducing the time required to get engineering drawings into the hands of the personnel who need them. New microfilming techniques and equipment used by these organizations are supplanting other, more cumbersome reproduction methods.

South of the border, industry and government leaders have established microfilming as a leading reproduction technique. The United States government, for instance, now requires that all engineering drawings prepared to implement government contracts be put on microfilm for government files.

The distinctive advantages of microfilming show up most clearly when the process is contrasted with conventional methods of handling and reproducing engineering drawings.

Mr. Shepherd is vice-president and managing director of Charles Bruning Company (Canada) Ltd., Toronto, Ont. Exclusive DE Feature

Conventional Method

Basically, the conventional method is a manual operation. The first step is location of the drawing. A file clerk must go to a vault, leaf through a number of large, often tightly packed, drawings to find the desired item, and then pull the drawing by hand.

Next, the drawing must be reproduced manually on a diazotype or blueprint machine. Although diazotype copying is rapid and economical, it is used to greatest advantage for same-size copying. But when it is necessary to make a copy smaller than the original, microfilming is preferable. It is particularly useful in reducing large engineering drawings to manageable size.

Of course, microfilming as a technique is well known. Easy-to-operate microfilm cameras have been in general use for some time.

Automated microfilm systems

Integration of the camera with aperture cards and electrostatic enlarger-printers has led to the develop-

ment of a new concept — automated microfilm systems. Conversion to such a system begins with making 35 mm microfilm of all original engineering drawings.

Next, the microfilm reels are cut up into individual frames and mounted on aperture cards. These cards can be tabulating cards, marginal punched cards, or standard filing cards. Each card is designed to hold one or more microfilm frames. (See fig. 4). The film can be mounted by the using organizations or by service companies. Simple manual devices are available for cutting and mounting frames from reels to aperture cards.

Aperture cards are designed to provide spaces for identification of the microfilmed drawing by number, size, and other pertinent information, either in the form of written or typed notations, or key punches.

Once mounted (or *unitized*, as this process is called in the trade) the microfilm can be filed according to whatever system is established, and selected manually, automatically, or by marginal punched filing methods.

Use of microfilm aperture cards in place of original full-size drawings results in a dramatic reduction of storage space requirements. For example, up to 70,000 tracings on microfilm aperture cards can be stored in a small filing cabinet.

In addition, the problems posed by filing drawings of different sizes are eliminated. Since all aperture cards are the same size, it is possible to file all the cards in numerical sequence. This is more rapid than the common present method, in which original drawings are first divided into groups of different sizes, and then filed numerically.

When these original drawings are requisitioned by the user, a file clerk must search several files in order to accumulate all the drawings that belong to a par-

By rule of thumb, this increase in filing efficiency, brought about by using a microfilm system, makes it possible to release up to 90% of filing personnel for other duties and responsibilities. The work of ten girls pulling prints in the conventional system can be accomplished by a single girl and a microfilm card file system.

Reading the film is easy

Microfilm drawings can be made available to users in two ways. If only one drawing is to be used at a time, and that drawing is to be viewed only (not marked or altered), a microfilm viewer is valuable. Some of the new viewers act as slide projectors and can project an image as large as 3 feet by 4 feet.

If a number of drawings are required for simultaneous use (or a drawing is to be marked), enlarged black-on-white paper copies of the microfilm can be made on an electrostatic microfilm enlarger-printer. Machines of this type have been designed specifically for handling aperture cards. These units magnify the image on the microfilm from 14 to 16 times.

The resulting enlargement is a copy large enough to read without difficulty and yet small enough to handle easily. One well-known enlarger-printer produces sharp permanent copies on standard size sheets (size ranges from 8½ x 11 to 18 x 24). During a continuous copying operation, exposure of the print takes only a few seconds, and a finished print is delivered a half minute after exposure.

Like the microfilm camera, electrostatic microfilm enlarger-printers can be operated by personnel without special training. An operator simply inserts a card-mounted (or roll) microfilm and the appropriate paper. The machine does the rest.



Fig 2. This is the photograph from which detail in Fig. 1 was extracted. The machine is commercial type.



Fig 3. Planetary camera converts into a microfilm enlarger in less than one minute by using enlarger head.

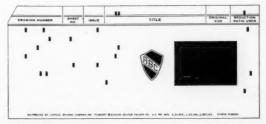


Fig 4. Microfilm reels are cut up into individual frames and mounted on aperture cards (tabulating, filing).

Prints made on these machines have a fine surface that can be written, drawn, or typed on like regular paper, permitting the entry of notations, additions, and revisions.

Another successful method of making enlarged copies of microfilmed drawing is provided through the use of an enlarger adaptation on a planetary camera. By interchanging the camera head and the enlarging head, copies ranging from 6 to 30 magnifications in size can be made on any projection medium. The use of projection vellum, projection tracing cloth, or projection film produces a transparent master from which any number of prints can be made on a diazotype reproduction machine.

Other advantages

In addition to easy economical handling, microfilming provides a number of special advantages to users. A major automobile manufacturer in the United States was able to store over 18 million aperture cards in a 20 ft. x 30 ft. area. This represented a 99% space saving over storage of original prints. Apart from the substantial floor-space economies, major savings were made on filing equipment. Since drawings were concentrated in a small area, all prints were accessible more quickly and easily.

The compactness of microfilm records also permits making duplicate sets without straining existing storage facilities.

For example, a full complement of drawings can be stored in offices of purchasing, parts order, and research departments. In most circumstances, a filing cabinet or two will hold all aperture cards required for current use. Of course, such departments should be equipped with viewers and/or enlarger-printer machines as required.

Duplication also enables a firm to ensure valuable prints from loss due to disaster or theft. Since microfilm copies are so compact, this type of remote storage is relatively inexpensive. If storage space at the main plant is at a premium, the original drawings can be stored in a remote location and the microfilm copies retained for active use.

Rapid, inexpensive inter-plant distribution of drawings is facilitated by microfilming. Microfilms in quantity can be sent through the mails from a main plant to a branch in a small package. Drawings or changes originated in a branch can be put on microfilm and sent to the main plant for incorporation in a master microfilm file. Thus, drawings can be centralized or decentralized to any extent required.

Up to this point we have been considering only live storage — that is, storage of microfilm that is used during current operations. However, the microfilm technique is decidedly advantageous for dead storage as well. Old drawings can be preserved in a minimum of space and are much more readily available than full-size documents closely packed in storage rooms.

Quality drawings required

Like any system, microfilming cannot be considered only by itself. If engineering drawings are microfilmed, the success of the operation depends, ultimately, on the quality of the drawings themselves. Drawings to be reproduced on microfilm must withstand reduction without loss of legibility.

Firms that rely heavily on microfilming have, in many cases, set up training programs to ensure that draftsmen meet higher standards required. Fundamental to these standards is an emphasis on clarity.

Considerable emphasis is being placed on the use of open lettering, and maximum use of paper surface when the original drawing is made. All too often drawings prepared in the past have been crowded to one side of the page, and lettering has been too small and too crowded. Although this is not as critical in same-size reproduction, it can make the difference between failure and success in microfilming. Clarity can also be increased by eliminating unnecessary details from drawings.

Suppliers of materials and equipment used in microfilm systems have been remarkably co-operative in pooling information that might contribute to developing the field as a whole. Many of these firms have information readily available on how firms in a particular business have solved specific problems through the use of microfilm systems. This data should be of value to anyone contemplating converting to an automated microfilm system.

Automated systems

Microfilmed engineering drawing systems can be as elementary or as complex as required by the user. If it is desired simply to provide a security function, then the film can be filed in a remote vault in roll form, available for any emergency that may occur.

In addition to the security function, a master aperture deck of filmed drawings may be utilized to provide enlargements, for reference or reproducible print.

A third function may be added by the inauguration of a distribution deck, which is available for reference without the necessity of making an enlargement or print. These three functions are illustrated graphically in figure X.

The system adopted by any one company will depend on a number of factors, including:

- The specific objectives the company hopes to achieve in a microfilm program, and the relative importance of each. Speed of location and filing may be the prime consideration in one place, while another may want permanency of files.
- The location of the company. If a company has engineering offices scattered throughout the country, its system might include a method for making microfilm duplicates for distribution.
- The number of prints required by the company and its suppliers. A company with high print needs, for instance, will certainly want to include in its system a method of producing prints quickly and at low cost.
- The types of drawings produced by the company and their relative useful life. Where drawings are revised frequently presents a special problem.

The ultimate in systems, of course, provides for the complete automation of the drawing handling function. This is usually accomplished by an integrated system with the regular accounting and bookkeeping data processing equipment. Since the cards have been specifically designed to permit such a program, it is readily set up.

Flow chart for security, master aperture card deck, and distribution deck package

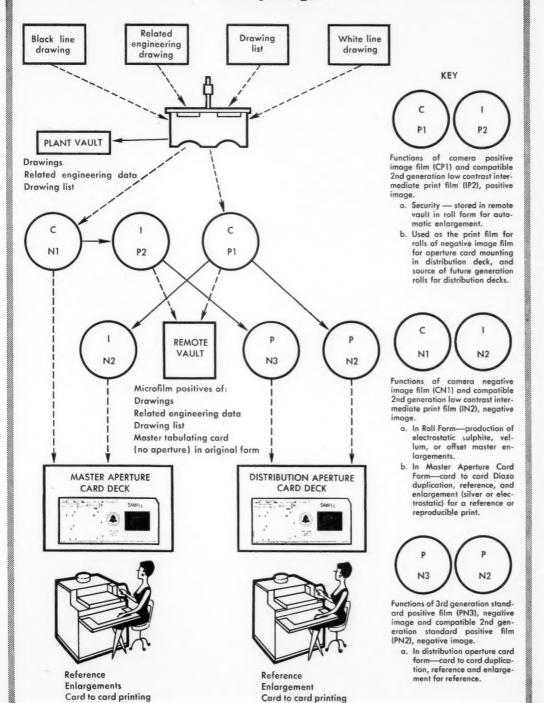




Fig 1. Modern drafting equipment eliminates gymnastics for person at the board. Unit has finger-tip control.

Fatigue-the greatest enemy of accuracy

Precision equipment gives draftsman the working flexibility he needs

Win Straube, B.A.(Comm.)

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The aim of every manufacturer is a product that will sell. In spite of this, the factors that contribute to the comfort and efficiency of designers and draftsmen (with whom rests the responsibility of creating saleable products) are so often ignored.

This article is based on a report of tests carried out by the Battelle Institute of Columbus, Ohio, and points to the need for thought on the subject of production in the drawing office where all production begins.

Just how big a part does the draftsman's equipment

play in his efficiency? For the purpose of tabulating results, each type of test equipment is indicated by the initial letter shown.

- TH. T-square and set squares on a horizontal board.PH. Counterbalanced parallel motion and set squares
- on a horizontal board.

 PU. Counterbalanced parallel motion and set squares on an upright adjustable board.
- DH. Standard drafting machine on a horizontal board.
- DU. Standard drafting machine on an upright adjustable board.
- **DZU.** Drafting machine with an adjustable zero head on an upright adjustable board.

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Test drawings made included an uncomplicated engine part, an architectural drawing and a fairly difficult assembly drawing with main group arranged about centre lines inclined at different angles.

To create a measuring standard, the average time taken to produce the first drawing was estimated, each draftsman using a standard drafting machine at an upright adjustable board. This average time of 55 minutes is expressed as 100% in the tables below and is compared proportionately with the times taken to produce the same drawing using the various other test equipment.

Drawing equipment DU PU DH PH TH % Working time 100 117 123 128 139

This test clearly shows the advantage of the drafting machines at an upright adjustable board. It is interesting to note that the test was completed in faster time with the parallel motion unit and an upright board than with a drafting machine at a horizontal board, indicating that for this test, board position was more important than the drafting machine.

Most of this drawing was concentrated between 1934 in. and 23½ in. above the lower edge of the board. Working at horizontal boards, draftsmen were forced to bend and could rest their arms only temporarily. Neither hands nor arms could be rested on the board while drawing and the considerable strain involved no doubt accounts for the increased time taken under such conditions.

The second test was designed to produce conditions said to favor the use of T-squares and parallel motion units.

It has long been held that the drafting machine cannot compete with this equipment where the design demands the drawing of long horizontal lines. But the test drawing disproved this theory. In fact, test drawings produced with a parallel motion unit at an upright board required 25% more time, and with a T-square 31% more time, than with the drafting machine. The final test drawing was of a four stroke internal combustion engine. The results show great advantages in the use of drafting heads with adjustable zero for this type of work. These heads permit the necessary contant change of drawing base angles without calculation. Actual times were as follows:

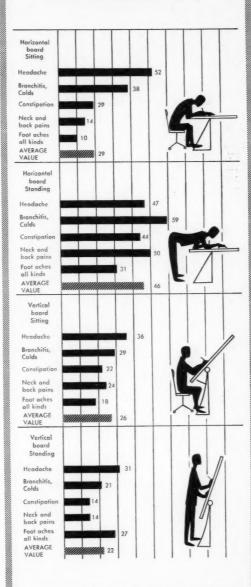
Drawing equipment	DU	DZU	PU	PH
% Working time	100	84	120	141

The above individual tests and the following figures prove conclusively that the drafting machine on an upright adjustable board is the most suitable equipment from the aspect of speedy working.

Drawing equipment		% Working time difficult drawing	Mean % work time
DU	100	100	100
DZU	100	84	92
PU	115	125	120
DH	120	130	125
PH	130	140	135
TH	130	150	140

To eleminate the fatigue factor, short tests of one minute were carried out and in order that only the purely mechanical work of drawing was involved, each draftsman was allowed practice time on each piece of equip-

Fatigue vs. sickness rate in the drafting office in %



The main physical strain put on an engineer or draftsman working at the drawing board, such as regular fatigue, and many symptoms caused by working on a horizontal or slightly inclined board, can be greatly reduced, if not eliminated, by the use of modern drafting equipment.

Statistics shown are excerpts from the Battelle Report on drafting fatigue and efficiency.

ment making drawings of the simple figures chosen for the test.

As in previous tests, the time taken when using a standard drafting machine and an upright adjustable board, were taken as the measuring standard and are again expressed as 100% to the following tables.

Examining these figures it will be seen from DU, DH and PU, PH that board position has made little difference to the working times with similar equipment. The mean times for PH, TH, PU are similar but they are more than 100% longer than those for DU and DH, thus proving absolutely the simplification of work made possible by the drafting machine.

Drawing equipment	Triangle	Rectangle	Mean % working time
DU	100	100	100
DH	98	99	99
PH	210	200	205
TH	225	194	210
PU	247	189	218

The movement diagrams in figure 2 illustrate that even on the most simple drawings, the drafting machines can save a great deal of movement and so reduce fatigue. Results from 10,000 tests made on horizontal boards, show that between 50 and 75% of drafting errors and inaccuracies occur when working at the top of the board where maintenance of a convenient working position is most fatiguing.

The draftsman's working position and the equipment he uses have an effect on his health also, quite apart from its influence on his efficiency.

The tests carried out by Battelle were not of long enough duration to reach definite conclusions but the following observations are nevertheless of interest.

Four working positions were involved in these tests—sitting or standing at a horizontal board and sitting or standing at an upright adjustable board.

When working at a horizontal board the draftsman perspired more freely and both pulse and respiratory rates increased.

This rate increase lasted for an average of four to six minutes before being returned to normal by the body's regulating function.

Interviews with 300 draftsmen produced information on the incidence of common complaints and are shown as percentages in the presentation on page 51.

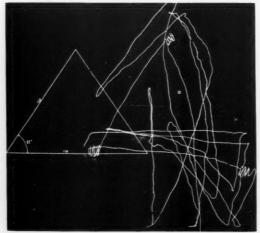
It was found that the energy consumed by the person who maintains a stooping position is 40% to 50% greater than that consumed in a normal standing position. The increased use of back muscles to maintain a convenient working position accounted for much of this increase and is undoubtedly responsible for the much higher incidence of backaches. Foot complaints must be expected from draftsmen who stand to do their work.

When the French Ministry of Education appointed a committee to investigate the causes of absenteeism in government departments their report (the results of which were published in "Annales d'Hygiene") stated that working at the horizontal board "inevitably results in deformation of bone structure and in most cases results in painful disturbances of the digestive organs. Compression of the thorax (when stooping or leaning over a board) can also cause considerable functional complaints in the respiratory organs, since sound respiration is inhibited and vital capacity reduced."

Equipment that permits almost ideal working conditions for draftsmen is of course available in the modern drafting machine and drawing stands that are adjustable at a finger pressure.

Draftsmen today look for pleasant working conditions, including good up-to-date equipment. If your company has been losing its drawing office employees to competitors, or if the response to your recruiting campaigns has not brought in the desired number of new men, then the problem might be centred right around the facilities which are being provided.

If you still have the traditional fixed horizontal drawing board and T-square, then it is no wonder the good men are going elsewhere. If your firm wants to be recognized as a leader in the community, a place that workers prefer, then it must be prepared to provide the best.



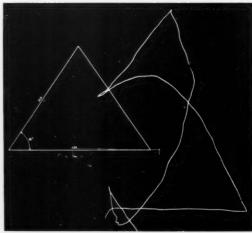
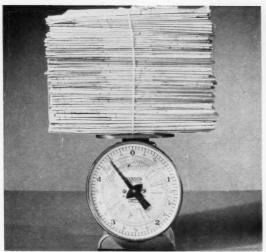


Fig 2. Before and after studies. At left is seen the work of draftsman's hand when drawing a triangle using an ordinary T-square. Same task when performed on modern drafting machine at right. Notice how work is reduced.



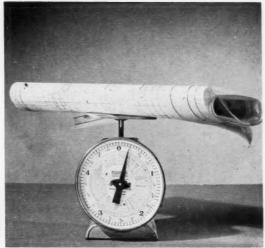


Fig. 1. How many prints of a drawing does a branch plant or subcontractor need? Too few can mean costly delay, too many can be expensive (see scale, left). Shipping intermediates solves problem for sender and recipient.

Modern drawing reproduction processes

A compendium (with hints) on the latest methods and materials available

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Today it is essential that every drafting supervisor keep up to date on the latest methods and materials available for the reproduction of drawings.

Whether you want to protect original designs, reclaim old drawings, improve legibility, combine designs or speed up revisions, there is a reproduction method specifically designed to meet your need.

When that important drawing comes off the board it represents many hours of work. It is a record and guide developed from numerous experiments and calculations. Its life depends on how it is treated. Even when handled with "kid gloves", it will soon become soiled and worn. Because of this, it is desirable to make reproductions of the original and to work with the copies.

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Simplify print distribution

It is often difficult to determine how many prints of a drawing each branch plant or company group is going to need. Failure to send enough can result in costly delays. However, shipping large quantities of prints can prove expensive and troublesome. By sending intermediates and letting each plant make the number of prints they require, this problem is solved. (See fig. 1.

Protect original drawings

There are various ways of obtaining crisp, clear copies of original drawings, depending on your present photo-copying equipment. Fast, size-as direct process prints or blueprints can be made in ordinary room light from autopositive intermediates. These intermediates

are low in cost and ideal as printmaking masters, and for reference, revision and mailing.

Should your facilities favor a darkroom procedure, a size-as contact paper negative can be made from the original drawing. From this negative, contact paper positives can be made. These are especially valuable for reproducing originals, with very fine detail, for drawings in poor condition and for printed halftone originals. These positives can be used as intermediates from which any number of direct process prints or blueprints may be made.

Enlargements and reductions

In the field of direct positive copying of drawings or documents, autopositive projection papers, first introduced during 1959, yield top-quality positive prints from positive originals when exposed in a process camera or enlarger. Unlike conventional positive-type papers, which are limited to contact printing, these new papers can also produce reduced or enlarged copies of positive originals.

The new paper is available in different weights. The standard weight is designed for exposure in a process camera or enlarger. It is used for making positive copies of drawings, paste-ups and other originals. The extra-thin weight was specially designed for use with either a process-type or flow-type camera for producing a reduced-size intermediate from which final prints can be made. The reduced-size copies mean substantial savings in space and in diazo print materials for engineering departments.

Autopositive projection paper has a special wash-off type emulsion that requires no fixing, reduces processing time. The exposed paper is developed for one minute at 71 F. Then the emulsion side is sprayed with cold water. The top emulsion layer crumbles and washes away, exposing the positive image. Normal washing is then required, but there is no fixing bath.



Fig. 2. Here's a way to save on drafting time. Instead of retracing an entire drawing when it needs revision, "scissor out" unwanted detail. Then add new design on same, or second print; company reproduction department can do job, freeing draftsmen for creative work.



Fig. 3. Print making masters from blueprints, directprocess prints, and originals on heavy stock using reproduction materials, can be had without production delays.

Restore old drawings

Occasionally, it is necessary to work from old, soiled drawings, often creased and yellowed with age. This problem can be solved and even faint details restored to original quality when an autopositive intermediate is made.

In the darkroom, a contact paper negative of unexcelled quality can be produced. Clean open lines, and a dense black background which requires a minimum of opaquing is the major characteristic of this product. The smooth surface takes pen or pencil notations and may be folded without cracking.

Reproduce blueprints and direct-process prints

In some cases, it is necessary to reproduce extra prints from either direct-process prints or blueprints. This need for making print masters capable of producing copies of satisfactory quality can, on occasion, divert production delays that occur while waiting for prints from the home office.

From an original direct-process print an autopositive paper intermediate is prepared. This intermediate can be fed through a machine hundreds of times to produce additional direct-process prints of outstanding legibility.

If the original is a blueprint there are two processes of equal quality available for room light reproduction. First, an autopositive intermediate can be made from the blueprint, then any quantity of blue-line prints can be made from the intermediate.

Secondly, a repro-negative paper intermediate can be produced. Primarily used for making positive copies from negative originals or vice-versa, this medium-highcontrast paper intermediate can then be used as a printmaking master to produce the required direct-process prints.

Should you require a darkroom process, a positive contact paper intermediate must be made from the original blueprint. The intermediate may then be used



Fig. 4. No need to renew old drawings. New techniques allow them to be reclaimed—crisp and clean.



Fig. 5. New halftone process allows photographs of existing equipment to be used in place of actual drawings.

to produce any number of crisp, clear direct process prints that are needed.

Speed revisions of drawings

Valuable time can be saved when revisions are required on drawings. Instead of retracing the entire drawing, make a Kodagraph reproduction, then eradicate or "scissor out" the unwanted detail. (Fig. 2.)

The retained portions of the print are attached with transparent tape to autopositive film; this film is highly translucent, tough, durable, and offers a matte surface on both sides that readily accepts pencil or pen notations,

When the changes are completed, an autopositive paper intermediate is made from the film paste-up. From this intermediate any number of direct-process prints or blueprints can be made. Most of this work can be done by the reproduction department leaving the draftsmen free for creative work.

The darkroom operation is similar. A contact paper negative is made, then the unwanted areas are opaqued out. A negative is next made of the new drawing forms with the centre area of the form masked with black paper. The portions of the print to be retained are attached to the film negative with black tape and a contact paper positive is made. This positive serves as a printmaking master.

Combining standard designs

When standard component designs are used over and over in the preparation of new drawings, much time and money can be saved by having these design elements reproduced on autopositive film and used as templates to "build up" the drawing. Preprinted templates of standard components are available from a number of firms in Canada. Using double-coated transparent tape, the templates are attached in the proper

position to an autopositive film print. From this pasteup an autopositive intermediate is made, which in turn is used to make prints.

Save drafting time with photodrawings

Photodrawing is the technique of using photographs to convey dimension, position and identification in the same manner as engineering drawings.

For example, when a change is made in an existing installation covered by a drawing on file, a careful check of a print must be made on location to make sure the original installation was made as specified and that any changes were noted on the drawing. With photodrawings, the information is current as the day the photograph was taken and no checking is necessary.

From a suitable film negative of the installation, a halftone film positive is produced. The halftone positive is attached with transparent tape to an autopositive film print of the drawing. Notations and details are added in pen or pencil to the film print, which then serves as a printmaking master for direct process prints or blueprints.

Verifax copies

There are many occasions when Verifax copying can be put to good use in the drafting room. Primarily, it was designed to supply speedy reproductions of small drawings, production orders, office memos and correspondence.

These examples outline some of the many methods of photographic reproductions designed to aid the engineering department. From the original drawing to almost every phase of operation where reproductions are used, modern reproduction processes give consistent top-notch quality at a saving of time and money.

Advanced mathematical instruments simplify design work

They're not gadgets — and not used enough, says university professor

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How much engineering design is avoided because of the tedious analysis, and expense, inherent in even many simple problems? How often do designers play it safe by "over design" rather than spend the time and money performing the numerous repetitive calculations required to investigate alternative designs? Much of the tedium of repetitive calculations can be avoided by the use of appropriate modern mathematical instruments. Such instruments, unlike numerical computers, are suitable for the direct extraction of engineering data from graphical information such as charts, maps and drawings. Mathematical instruments are indeed graphical computers and may be used in almost any field of engineering design. At present such instruments are used in the fields of ship, aircraft, road, bridge, hydrological, electrical and machine design and, in the analysis of process data recorded on strip or circular charts.

It is the purpose of this article to describe briefly some of the mathematical instruments now available.

Planimeters

Figure 1 shows a modern polar planimeter which may be used to measure the area of irregular figures. It is equipped with a weighted pole instead of the old-fashioned pin and a magnifying tracing lens instead of a tracing point, which permits the operator to follow a line carefully and without parallax. A reading glass for the vernier scale is also available, though not a new feature.

The area which a fixed pole planimeter will cover is limited by the length of its arms. For the tracing of large areas a polar planimeter may be attached to a track, as shown in fig. 2, and be allowed to move along the track while operating. An alternative arrangement is shown in fig. 3 wherein the area to be traced may be moved past the planimeter through suitable guides.

For extremely accurate work a disc type planimeter, shown in fig. 4, may be used. The movements of the tracing head are transmitted to the recording wheel through a disc which amplifies them, by perhaps 10:1, with a consequent increase in accuracy of about 250%

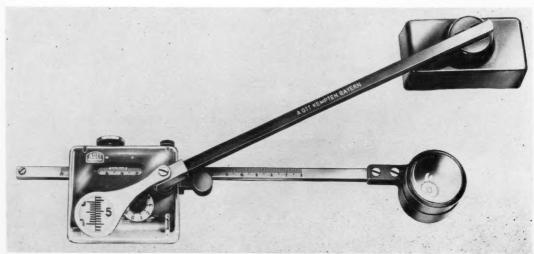


Fig 1. Modern polar planimeter is used to measure area of irregular figures. Weighted pole, magnifying lens used.

over normal polar planimeters. The disc planimeter shown is set upon rollers and, having no fixed pole, is suitable for measuring large areas.

There are other special types of planimeters such as a radial planimeter whose pole may be fixed at the centre of a circular chart. Most manufacturers will supply instruments that read directly in specified units.

Integrators

Of all the mathematical procedures encountered in design perhaps the most tiresome is the evaluation of the moments of area for an irregular shape (see November, 1959, page 58). The potential planimeter (fig 5), also called an integrator, will perform these operations quickly and accurately. The four recording wheels will indicate the area, the first moment of area, the second moment of area and the third moment of area respectively for only one circuit of the tracing head. These instruments are particularly useful in machine and structural design because they allow the designer to investigate numerous shapes in a short time, thus helping in the selection of the most economical shape. Instruments with fewer recording wheels are available if only first and second moments are required.

The Stieltjes type planimeter, shown in fig 6, is really a three-dimensional integrator, in that, if the shape of a body may be described by two curves, one in each of two planes, then the volume of the body may be determined by plotting the curves on separate sheets and placing them on the two tracing tables. The two curves may then be traced successively and the volume enclosed by the curves read off the single recording wheel.

Other types of integrators include the "integraph" which will plot on a separate sheet the integral curve (or cumulative area under) an irregular curve which is traced by the head of the instrument.

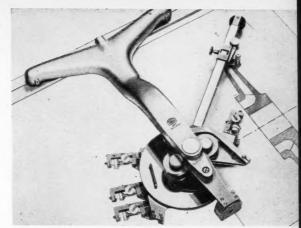


Fig 5. For moments of area, the four-wheel integrator.



Fig 4. Rolling disc type planimeter for extreme accuracy.

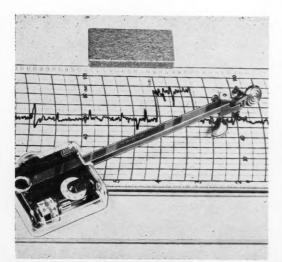


Fig. 2. Polar planimeter can be attached to fixed track.

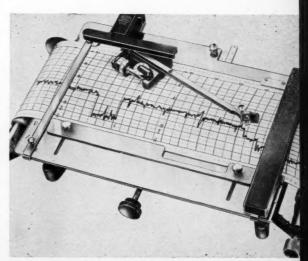


Fig 3. On strip chart table planimeter, tracing area moves.

Derivimeter

The derivimeter, fig 7, may be used to determine the slope of an irregular curve at a point much more quickly and accurately than drawing a tangent. This instrument is essentially a protractor with a movable mirror mounted at right angles to the plane of the degree circle. The zero line of the protractor is laid parallel to the abscissa of the curve with its centre at the required point on the curve. The mirror is then rotated until the reflection of the curve appears as an extension of the curve itself. The slope is then read off the vernier scale to an accuracy of ± 0.2 degrees for the instrument shown.

Pantographs

Hidden away in the cupboards of many design offices may be found ancient pantographs — perhaps some of their shaky wooden arms are broken or warped while pins and strings are lost. The modern pantograph is a far cry from its ancestors; it is a precision instrument carefully made, usually from stainless steel, and capable of reducing and enlarging drawings with a mean error of ±0.005 inches. Fig 8 illustrates a modern pantograph which is fitted with a tracing lens for easy and accurate work, and, a cable release device on the copying pen which allows the draughtsman to move the tracing pen freely about the drawing and to pick up details missed during the first tracing. The copying pen may be charged with ink and thus a finished drawing is produced from a single operation.

There are many other advanced mathematical instruments whose use will permit an increase in the output, accuracy and efficiency of the work from a design office. Designers schooled in traditional methods will at first find it takes some time to acquire facility and confidence in the operation of the more complicated instruments but, in the long run, the continuous saving of labor will be in itself quite worthwhile. Since mathematical instruments are purely mechanical in operation

they are admirably suited for the use of inexperienced and junior staff, thus releasing the designer from tedious calculations and enabling him to spend more time making decisions requiring his experience and judgment.

Mathematical instruments are carefully manufactured, hence they are not inexpensive. They are not "gadgets" and should not be purchased as such. Rather, they are precision, graphical computors whose purchase should be regarded in the cold light of demand for their services. An instrument used only occasionally soon finds its way into dead storage, or the operator spends more time looking for and reading the instruction book and trying to remember how the blasted thing works than the job warrants. Probably he will end up checking the instrument anyway! However, where economically justified, the use of mathematical instruments will more than offset their initial capital cost and, indeed, the design office will become a happier, more productive and more efficient part of the organization.

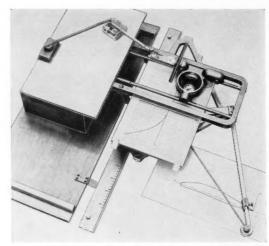


Fig 6. Stieltjes (or three dimensional type) planimeter.

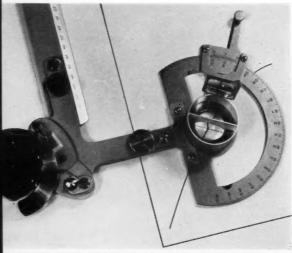


Fig 7. The derivimeter for slope of an irregular curve.

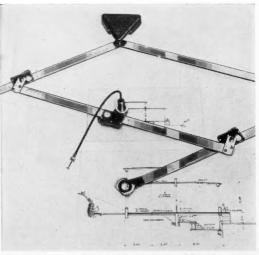
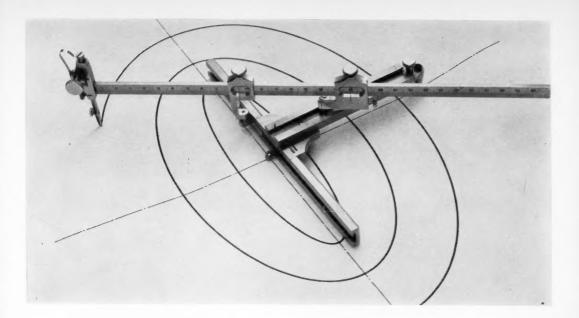


Fig 8. Pantograph with tracing lens, cable release pen.



Focus on precision drawing instruments

Average Canadian design office is neglected step-child of management

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The old-fashioned drafting stool still seems to dominate the scene in the average Canadian drafting office. It is usually just a bit higher than the 1960 family sedan from Detroit. The man at the board climbs up there in the morning, but being up there certainly does not give him any feeling of superiority nor does it boost his morale to new heights, as probably intended by thoughtful management.

The author has had considerable opportunity, over the last ten years, to visit design and engineering offices throughout Canada. It is inevitable that such visits should lead to a desire to evaluate the many things seen, to digest the information received from the people at the board, and to try and compare the different design, engineering and drafting offices.

One conclusion must be reached by anybody who has gone to the trouble of seriously studying this field. The average Canadian design and drafting office is the neglected step-child of management.

To avoid any misunderstanding, it must be made quite clear that we have seen some extremely well equipped and streamlined drafting rooms in Canada, but they are the exception rather than the rule.

As long as management will not invest to provide the basic facility to create overall efficiency of the design and drafting activities, the man at the board

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will not invest the few dollars needed for the essential quality tools required to be fully efficient. Why should he take too great an interest in his own efficiency if management does not seem to be interested? The poor drafting tools owned by the man working at the drafting board very often only reflect the attitude of management toward drafting operations as a whole.

What does it cost?

In most offices the draftsmen and designers are required to supply their own instruments and tools. What does this mean in terms of money? Is it a large investment? Compared to what some tradesmen have to provide — the answer is "No".

If the draftsman buys all the quality instruments and tools needed for his work, he will have to spend between \$60 and \$80. Most of these instruments, with reasonable care, will last him a lifetime. If we consider annual costs for replacements and additional equipment at \$10 a year, a man at the board would have to spend—let's say—over a period of 10 years, the amount of \$170.

These figures have been developed after careful study of the selection of drafting instruments, drafting tools, slide rules and mechanical pencils offered by Toronto's leading retailer. The estimate includes only the top quality equipment of the world's leading manufacturers and includes the price of a 10 in. Log slide rule.

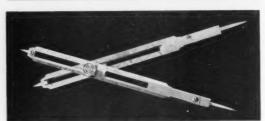


Fig. 2. Good proportional divider can save its cost.

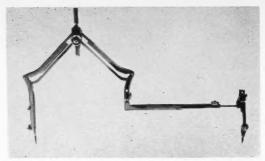


Fig. 4. Parallel compass with horizontal bar, telescope.

Some observations

The replacement, or rather, the non-replacement of worn-out drafting equipment, like the replacement of all other obsolete production equipment, can lead to uneconomic situations.

For instance, we have seen a man at the drafting board re-engraving a six year old 10 in. scale with a compass point; it took him only two hours of his employer's time. The scale was then good for another six months. The cost of this job to management, at \$4 an hour, was \$8. The price of a new scale is only \$3.20.

Again, we observed two draftsmen helping each other with a string, a thumbtack and a pencil, to draw a circle with a ten inch radius. They did a perfect job; it took them thirty-five minutes. The firm employed ten draftsmen, but neither the company nor the draftsmen owned a proper beam compass.

The company must co-operate

There are many more stories like the above. But the story we like best to tell is about one of the larger firms in Canada. After completely re-organizing their drafting operation, the company purchased all the instruments for their draftsmen according to their individual needs and wishes, then simply deducted the cost, over a period of several months, from their paycheques. This eliminated several problems for their draftsmen:

- The draftsman could explain the situation to his wife and justify it, without long arguments—and that is most important.
- The deductions from the pay envelope over a period gave the advantages of installments.

3. He got the equipment he always wanted and he got it in $\mathfrak n$ rather painless way.

To the employer it gave the benefit of a noticeable increase in efficiency. Over and above that, management-employee relations improved greatly. The scheme was really appreciated all around.

Company-owned instruments

A few special instruments should be purchased and owned by any firm that is interested in efficient drafting rooms. These include such items as proportional divider, beam compass, protractor, planimeter, etc., and any other instrument that cannot normally be considered essential equipment for the man at the board.

Management is responsible

The men at the drafting boards across this big country do their vital share in the development of Canada. They help to create the products that sell, they engineer the machinery that produces, they design the buildings to house that machinery, they span the rivers with bridges, design the roads, and chart the seas to facilitate delivery of the product.

If management takes a serious interest in the general organization of the design and drafting operations and provides the proper equipment to do an honest day's work without undue stress and strain, management can rightfully expect the men at the boards to do their share and equip themselves with the instruments they need, without which an honest day's work simply cannot be done.

Everything starts on the drafting board. Maybe we should start there right now.

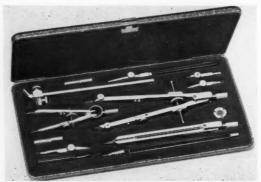
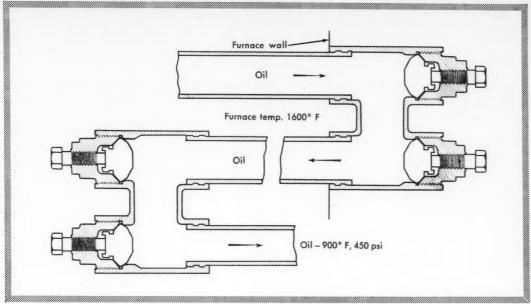


Fig. 3. A draftsman needs a basic instrument set, preferably in protective, plush-lined, steel case.

Required Equipment for the Draftsman

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A set of first class instruments selected according to the re- quirements of his work, pric-		
ed from	\$22.50 to	\$36.00
spring compass	5.50	
\$4.50 each	6.50 to	9.00
Set squares, French curves	10.00 to	10.00
3-4 mechanical clutch pencils .	4.50 to	6.00
A quality 10" slide rule	11.00 to	19.00
	\$60.00 to	\$80.00



The cast stainless header bodies serve as return bends to reverse oil flow through petroleum cracking furnace.

A lifetime of use with cast stainless

Severe combination of corrosive elements attack these oil-plant parts

Operating in a punishing corrosive environment, cast stainless header bodies have given years of trouble-free service and solved replacement problems in producing high-octane gasoline at the El Segundo plant of the Standard Oil Company of California. Serving as return bends to control the direction of oil flow through the furnace, these fittings combine the corrosion resistance of stainless alloys with the design advantages of the casting process.

The oils being processed in this plant are usually California crudes, which contain sulfur and other corrodents that cause carbon steel to corrode at a very high rate. Moreover, attack is greatly intensified by the high pressure and temperature at which these fluids are handled—450 psi and 900 F. To resist this severe combination of corrosive conditions, the header bodies were cast of type CF-8 (Alloy Casting Institute designation) stainless alloy. ACI type CF-8 casting alloy (corresponding to wrought type 304) contains 18-21 per cent chromium, 8-11 per cent nickel and a maximum of 0.08 per cent carbon.

As shown diagrammatically above, oil carried through the furnace tubes is channeled into the U-shaped section of the header, where flow is reversed and returned to the furnace through a lower tube. Tubes are rolled into the header body to produce tight, leak-proof seals.

The header is designed to allow for easy removal of coke which builds up in the headers and oil tubes after extended operation. A tube reamer can be inserted to clean out contaminants after undoing the holding members (bolt, threaded sleeve and plug) assembled into the fitting. The relatively corrosion-free surfaces of the header bodies facilitate this cleaning operation.

Casting design vs fabrication

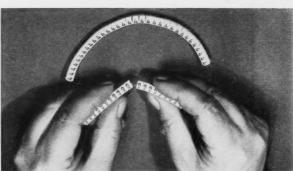
An evaluation of the factors involved in producing complex shapes from both cast and wrought materials points up the suitability of the casting process for parts such as these header bodies. Fabrication of the header body from wrought materials would require a multiple-piece welded assembly. In austenitic alloys, welding causes precipitation of carbides along grain boundaries in the heat-affected zone, especially when fairly thick sections and prolonged welding time are involved. Postweld annealing operations would be required to restore carbides into solution. This susceptibility of welded seams to intergranular corrosion introduces a possibility of mechanical failure and oil leakage.

By contrast, the integrally cast header body represents a more satisfactory and more economical design, since welding is avoided and machining requirements reduced. Another advantage of the single-piece cast body is good resistance to severe mechanical shock, a frequent cause of leakage in welded joints. Easily provided by cast design, generous fillets and radii eliminate crevices, prevent the entrapment of contaminants and aid cleaning operations.

To ensure maximum corrosion resistance, the stainless castings are heat treated by water quenching from 2000 F and stress relieving at 1600 F. Carbon content is kept low (0.07 max) for improved corrosion resistance. These fittings meet ASTM specification A217-55, Grade C-12, which covers pressure-containing parts for high temperature service. Pre-use inspection requirements include X-ray examination and pressure tests with cold kerosene at 3000 psi.



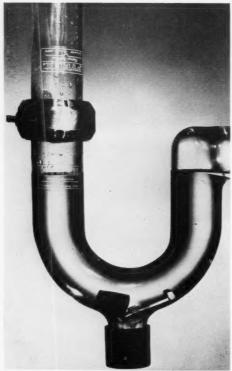
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One-piece, completely closed, flexible marker was designed especially for small diameter bundles and cables. It's pleated — 302



Design of flask allows easy disassembly for cleaning. Aluminum part (lower left) was replaced with polyethylene one (right)—303

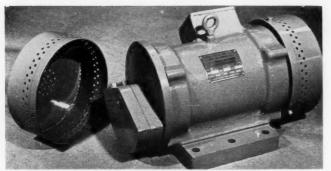


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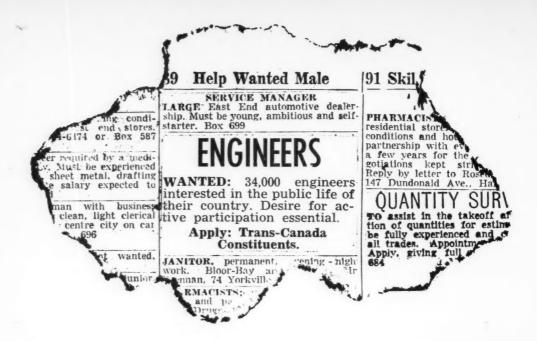
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The Canadian engineer as a lawmaker

Trouble is he isn't — but community leaders say attitude must change

Alex MacDonald

Exclusive



Feature

If this were a classified advertisement how many engineers in Canada would answer it? All of them? Not on your life. Half, perhaps? You are not even warm. Evidence is that only a handful, dotted here and there across the land, would be even remotely interested.

There are in fact about 33,000 professional engineers in Canada. Of these only .008 percent are members of the Federal Parliament and only .015 percent members of Provincial Legislatures. Turn to page 66 and you'll see the score. It is not impressive.

What are the reasons?

Not qualified? On the contrary, few are so well suited as the engineer for public service.

Not wanted? Wrong again. Premiers and mayors throughout the country only wish that there were more engineers in politics.

Not interested? This seems to be getting much closer to the truth.

It is quite true that there are a number of engineers serving on municipal councils. It has not been possible to assess just how many. Engineers are to be found, too, on voluntary committees of all kinds where their services receive high praise. No one could really accuse the engineers of completely lacking civic mindedness. But the fact still remains that in those areas of government where the laws are made the engineer is either notably absent or only barely represented.

The engineer as a potential politician

Let's take a look at the engineer as a potential politician. Just how suitable is he? Quite a number of people think him very suitable. Here's a sampling:

Dean R. R. McLaughlin, of the Engineering Faculty, University of Toronto, has this to say:

"I would say, without hesitation, that engineers are ideally suited to political work. They are people trained to look facts straight in the face."

Most people would agree that the country could use a few politicians who can do just that,

Here is the comment of the Hon. Leslie M. Frost, Premier of Ontario:

"I feel certain that professional engineers would have much to offer the political life of this country."

And this is what another politician told us:

". . . I do not hesitate to add that I have also found architects and engineers to possess a much deeper sense of integrity and honesty than unfortunately exists in some sections of our political leadership."

These are the words of R. John Pratt. He is not only a member of parliament but also mayor of Dorval, Quebec. As a professional man himself, an architect, he knows what he is talking about.

Now from A. W. Shackleford, Mayor of Lethbridge, Alberta:

"Their engineering background should enhance their

thinking and give them the right approach to problems related to municipal administration."

Educators say it. Politicians, at all levels, say it. The engineer, by his training, by his nature and by his character is fitted, as few others are, to the task of guiding this country. Any man can stand and point across the land at its wealth and rich promise. Few have the ability to bring that promise to fruition. But engineers are among those few. They know fact from romantic fiction; they can speak plain, without preamble. And — they are not interested.

"I would say," wrote the Hon. E. S. Spencer, who is an engineer and also Newfoundland's Minister of Finance, "professional engineers are generally disinter-

ested in participating in public affairs."

"I have always been disappointed," says Dean Mc-Laughlin, "at the lack of interest shown by engineers to participate in politics."

The Association attitude

Most startling is the indifferent attitude of the various Associations of Professional Engineers. The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers says: "The profession itself, through its association and societies, strongly urges its members to become more active in public life and recognizes the need for progress in this direction." But is this true? There are indications that the Council is deluding itself. The associations appear to be as disinterested en bloc as their members are individually.

There are eleven such associations in Canada and all were approached on this subject. Of these eleven, three did not reply and of the remainder only two showed any interest at all. Be it to the credit of the associations in Ontario and British Columbia that they were the two

The situation, then, is abundantly clear. Engineers with much to offer, choose not to offer. And least concerned of all are the engineers.

Why pick on engineers?

But why pick on the engineers? Are they so special? They are indeed. Their suitable qualities have already been discussed, and be it understood that in any society the responsibility of its members is in direct ratio to the abilities of those members.

"As a forger of powerful economic weapons," says the Hon. T. C. Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan, "the engineer has a definite duty and a professional obligation to assist in the control of these weapons."

In other words a man of ability cannot, in conscience, shirk his part in shaping the future of his country. But engineers do. Make no mistake about that—they do.

Reasons, or excuses, have been advanced for the engineer's indifference to public affairs. Granted some are specious but some are downright examples of defeatism. Here's a selection:

Engineers have a distaste for the rigmarole of politics. For instance: "they consider many of the practices involved (in electioneering) childish." They dislike longwinded political procedure; the small value politicians place on time, particularly other people's time; the verbose approach many make to simple matters. No sane person would deny that these are objectionable. But there is surely no justification for turning a superior back on the scene. Many a politician has been punctured and ingloriously deflated by the sharp barb of a brief accuracy. Cynics notwithstanding, reason does have a habit of prevailing.

Some quotes on the subject



"The relative dearth of engineers, or men with engineering training, in the public life of Canada is a serious problem and one that will become more serious as time goes on.

". . . today the really major problems of government,

at all levels, are either technical in nature or are influenced by technological developments.

"As a forger of powerful economic weapons, the engineer has a definite duty and a professional obligation to assist in the control of these weapons."

The Hon. T. C. Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan.



"... I would like to say that my experience has led me to believe in the absolute necessity of more architects and engineers taking on public work for the great benefit which their technical training may bring to the community at large."

R. John Pratt, M.P., Mayor of the City of Dorval.



"... having some engineering talent on our council helps us to take an objective approach to any problems raised in our public works department, and also to question and get the right answers from our consultants on engineering projects.

"... I can assure you that in Fort Garry the two engineers who have served on our council have been a tremendous asset to the municipal government."

R. D. Chase, Mayor, Rural Municipality of Fort Garry, Man.



"We engineers and scientists must not shirk our share of responsibility simply by disappearing into the research laboratory, the design office and the factory and busying ourselves with our technology. We must accept, as foremost citizens, a part of

the responsibility for grappling with the far larger and vastly more complex social problems with which we, and all people around us, are confronted."

Dr. K. F. Tupper O.B.E., P.Eng., Toronto

Engineers do a great deal of contract work for governments. The suggestion here is that embarrassing situations could arise if engineers were also politically active. Quite true, they could arise—if they were allowed to. But a person of integrity is surely unlikely to find himself in such situations. And it is a very poor man indeed who refuses to act according to his beliefs because he fears misinterpretation of those acts.

Engineers suffer a financial loss when they enter public life. For some this is undoubtedly true and it becomes a very personal matter that is hard to criticize. But it is certainly not true for the majority of engineers. Members of Federal Parliament receive an annual indemnity of \$8,000 plus tax-free expenses of \$2,000. Provincial indemnities vary from province to province, but they are usually adequate. Highest is Quebec — \$6,000, including expenses, per session. Lowest is Prince Edward Island — \$1,950, including expenses. In addition some provinces increase the indemnity for extended sessions. Sessions rarely exceed three months in a year, in most provinces they are much shorter, and many members continue working at their professions.

Engineers jeopardize their jobs and professional careers by active interest in public affairs. Sadly enough this is too often the case. In fact there are recorded instances of large corporations openly voicing disapproval of employees who show an interest in public life. Take a young engineer, married perhaps with a small family, who wishes to campaign for election. He needs time, so he must resign his position. "All praise to this young man," people say. But if he is defeated, what do they say then? Chances are he'll get his job back—if he asks nicely. No doubt he thinks the humiliation fine reward for his efforts.

Even if he is elected he is entering into a notably capricious field. Four or five years later, when seeking re-election, he may very well be defeated. What then?

HERE'S THE SCORE

Elected positions held by

Professional Engineers

Province		Federal Government	
British Columbia	. 1		2213
Alberta			2348
Saskatchewan	. 1		629
Manitoba	. 1		964
Ontario			17604
Quebec	. 1	3	7757
Prince Edward Islan	d		27
New Brunswick			405
Nova Scotia			542
Newfoundland	. 1		136
Totals	. 5	3	32625

In addition, there is one Professional Engineer in the Senate.

Will a seat in the house make him a better design engineer? Employers may well ask.

Luckily attitudes in business and industry are changing. Reports are that an increasing number of large corporations are setting a firm policy whereby an employee may stand for elective office without jeopardizing his future with the company. One suggestion is that a man take leave of absence until the election. If he is successful, he resigns; if not, he returns to his job.

Even more generous in scope is a plan announced by the Ford Motor Company, of the United States. This plan not only allows a candidate for public office to take leave of absence for the purposes of his campaign, it goes an important step further. If defeated he returns to his job but, more significantly, if he is successful his leave of absence will be continued until he retires or is defeated at a later election. He will then return to the company without any loss of benefits, pension or retirement plan provisions.

Engineer's training is too specialized compared with, say, lawyers. There's an element of truth in this too, but not enough to make a worthwhile argument. At Toronto University's Department of Engineering a compulsory six percent of the curriculum is given over to humanistic social studies. This includes such subjects as history, political science and economics, and represents a fair average for the universities across the country. This may not be a considerable proportion. But no man ever graduated from any course, at any university, fully equipped to face life. In this case wide reading and a lively interest in current affairs seems to be the answer.

What's in the future?

What does the future hold? Will the engineers' indifference remain? Or will they look about them, with a growing realization of their responsibilities, and know that their duty lies on the hustings as well as in the drawing office; in the legislative assemblies as well as in the factories?

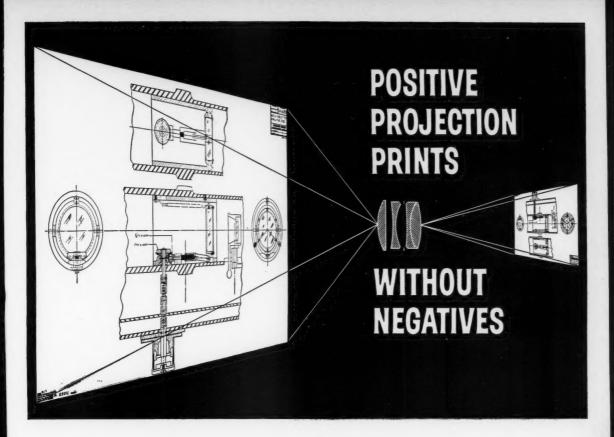
Let's face an undeniable fact: The ultimate welfare of this nation is involved, and the situation must change. One man who thinks so is Dean McLaughlin.

"In the future," he says, "I feel that this situation will have to change. Government is becoming more and more complex. It will need practical guidance lest it becomes lost in the mere intricacies of policy making. I believe that the nature of the engineer is such that he is the man who can best do the job."

To bring about this change, encouragement must come from many sources: a stronger emphasis on the social aspects of life in the universities' curricula; greater interest from the professional associations; more encouragement and sympathy from employers, particularly along the lines of the Ford plan. But finally the decision rests with the engineer—and with his conscience.

Perhaps it will stir that conscience if the last word is left to Dr. Desmond Kidd. A professional engineer, a successful Vancouver mining geologist, he has, throughout his career, accepted fully his civic responsibilities. Here is what he says:

". . . I often say I should have my head examined for taking a hand in it (public life). There is hard work. There may well be abuse and character smearing attempts. There is no money, rather expense. But if you succeed in serving the public in some way, there may be love from some, and one can live with oneself for doing a true public service job, and that is an engineering ideal."



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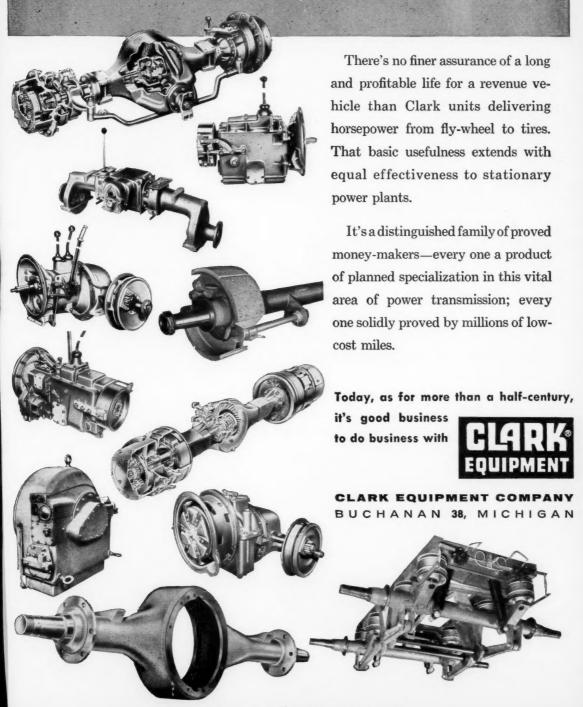
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Ideas round-up

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The surface of Cormet A can be machined by a special process to a high polish with no effect on permeability. With smooth surfaces, the material can be used as a fixed contact roller in high-speed machinery. Vacuum applied to the product through Cormet A roller can hold the product securely the moment machinery stops, preventing inertia rolling or backlash. Source—Corning Glass Works.

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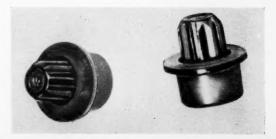
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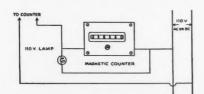
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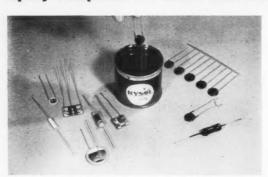
Shown here is a new, standard, low-cost handling unit used for transferring steel plate from stock stack to welding jig. Consisting of a 4-pad arrangement, this vacuum handling unit has many possible applications; such as feeding, stacking, conveying, etc.

While the vacuum handling principle is not necessarily new, it has only been in recent years that many varied industries have realized the versatility as well as the tremendous safety and labor-saving advantages of this process. Source—Vac-U-Lift Company.

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Epoxy compound for small electrical parts



A new epoxy compound has been developed for encapsulating, by dipping, small electrical components such as ceramic wafer capacitors, resistors and small transformers. Identified as HYSOL 10-80, the black thixotropic material produces an even nondripping coat on pieces up to one-inch cube,

Since HYSOL 86-10 is truly thixotropic, the mixture is quite viscous. However, when some relative motion is produced between the system and the part being dipped, the viscosity at the part reduces sharply so that the compound can flow evenly over the part. On withdrawal, the viscosity rises so that no dripping occurs, even at cure temperatures as high as 160 deg. C. Source—Houghton Laboratories.

High-capacity V-belts save weight and space

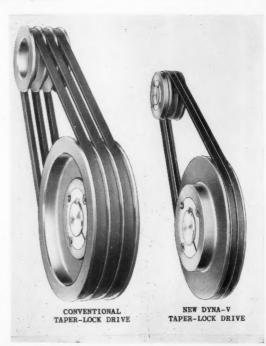
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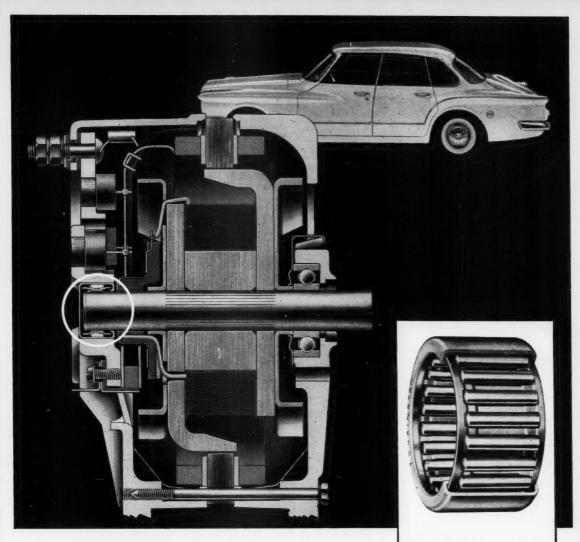
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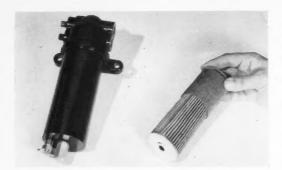
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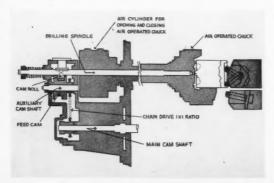
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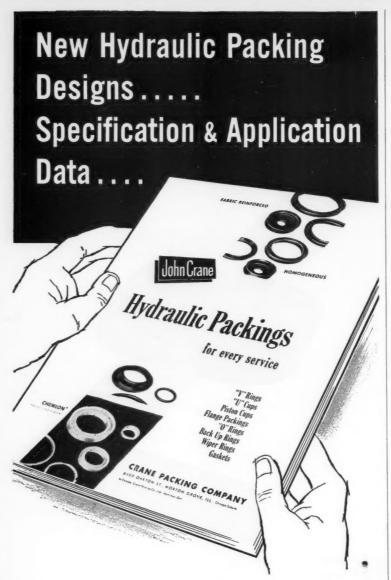
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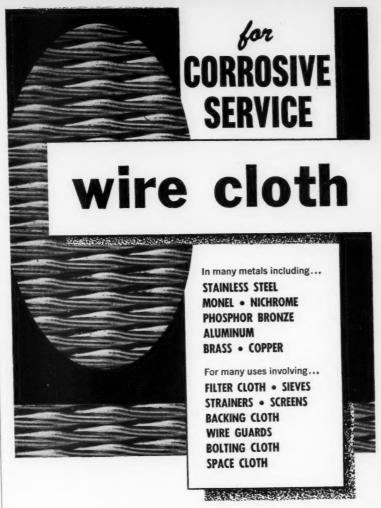
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Briefs

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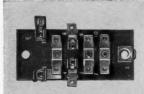
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Robert R. Bogaert has been appointed up and general manager of Canadian Halco Industrial and Mining Co. Ltd., of Dixie, Ont. New company will handle sales and service of Halifax Tool Co. products.

New assistant manager plant operations of Products Tank Car Shops Ltd., is Victor G. Tanner.

A new plastics division has been formed by Rohm and Haas Ltd. J.W. Robinson has been named manager; A. T. Orr will handle sales development.





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Allison F. Mosher is to establish an Ontario branch of Philip French Sales Ltd., distributors of precision bearings, gears and instrument components. Mosher is an engineering graduate of the University of British Columbia, and holds a master's degree in business administration.





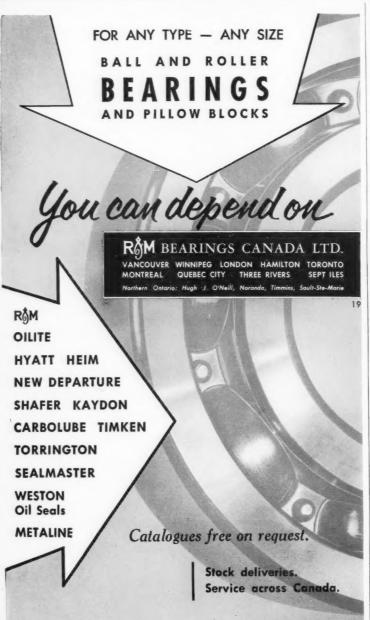
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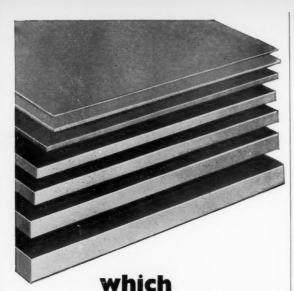
Rodenburgh

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J. A. Cross has been appointed group general manager of a group of six companies, and J. E. Conner assumes a similar position with a group of structural steel companies. Both appointments were announced by Canada Iron Foundries Ltd.

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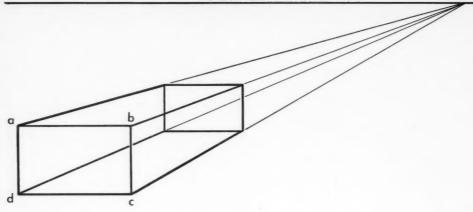
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In the layout of such drawings, the time-honored terms like those described below have descended from ancient times. To assist in our layout work, a thorough investigation was carried out and certain new principles evolved which greatly aid the preparation of a drawing, and even make the use of special mechanical aids unnecessary.

Definition of terms

As a preliminary, standard definitions will be reviewed.

1. Picture Plane. Plane on which picture is projected.

2. **Point of Vision** (O). Foot of perpendicular from the eye to the projection. Normally this is at, or near, the centre of the picture.

3. Visual Distance (v). Distance of eye from projection—normally about 18 inches.

4. Vanishing Point (V). Point at which parallel lines converge in projection. For a rectangular prism there may be 1, 2 or 3 vanishing points, giving rise to three types of projection which will be considered in turn.

a) 1-Point or Oblique Perspective (fig. 1)

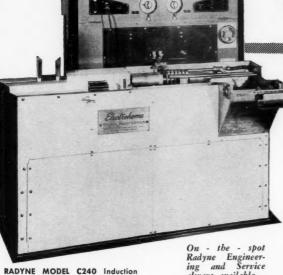
This is often used as it is easy to draw. Since, theoretically, the eye should be perpendicularly above V this point should be at the centre of the picture, which is rarely practicable. It has the advantage, however, that any visual distance may be used.

b) 2-Point or Horizontal Perspective (fig. 2)

In this form, the picture plane is parallel to the vertical edges of the object. The vanishing points V_1 and V_2 are on the horizon line and the visual distance is easily determined by drawing a semicircle on this base, and being equal to the perpendicular at O. It invariably happens, however, that either V₁ or V₂ is inaccessible, but it is not generally realized that if perpendiculars are drawn from R and S to the opposite boundary lines therefrom, the perpendiculars intersect on the horizon line. Therefore if the horizon line is drawn through the accessible vanishing point, Rr and Ss may be drawn, with p thereon, and checked for a

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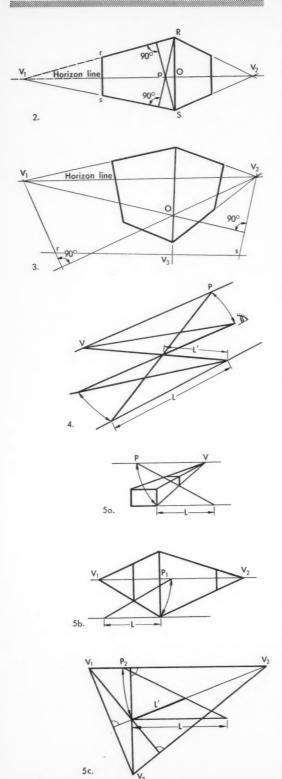
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reasonable value of v. For intermediate lines, RS and rs may be divided in proportion, or a centrolineade used. It should be clearly understood that RS must be perpendicular to V_1V_2 but need not pass through O, which should be at the centre of the picture and always on V_1V_2 .

c) 3-Point or General Case (fig. 3)

The drawing shows the usual case where the lower vanishing point V₃ is completely inaccessible. V₁ or V₂ may also be inaccessible but in this case it will usually be advisable to extend the drawing sheet to avoid this. It is well known that a projection may be spoiled by badly chosen lines but it is not generally realized that the Centre of Vision O is at the ortho-centre of the triangle formed by the three vanishing points, which will be termed the ortho-triangle. Therefore if V_1 and V_2 are chosen, straight lines may be drawn through O, and perpendiculars drawn to them from V1 and V2 to meet at V₃. If this point is inaccessible, a centrolineade may be used or alternatively V₁V₂ and rs (on a parallel) divided in proportion. The visual distance is the height of a right-angled pyramid on V₁V₂V₃ which will be termed the ortho-pyramid (shown in fig. 4). This may be calculated trigonometrically or constructed geometrically and checked.

Linear dimensions

These have been deferred to avoid confusing the above discussion.

In the case of one V.P. dimensions on abcd are in proportion to the true lengths, whereas in two V.P. those on RS are in proportion to true lengths.

The method of projecting true distances for 2-point perspective fig. 5(b) is well known but it is not generally realized that this construction also applies to 1 and 3-point perspective, and in either case the proof is not usually considered. The latter case is indicated in fig. 4 by considering the similarity of two pyramids. The proofs of the other cases are practically the same, using a vertical picture plane.

General Note

Notwithstanding the indication that the visual distance should be checked to about 18 inches, perspective drawings are often enlarged or reduced without loss in aesthetic qualities. Also, deviation from strict geometric accuracy is often found desirable. The simplest cases have been considered above but in general any line joining two vanishing points may be considered as a horizon line. With regard to case (b) if the horizon line is above R the construction for p must be modified, but this should not normally occur, as O should be near the centre of the picture and 3-point projection becomes applicable.

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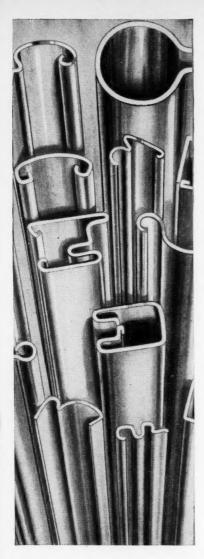
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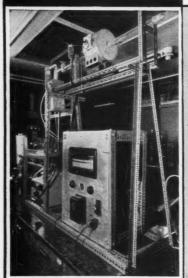
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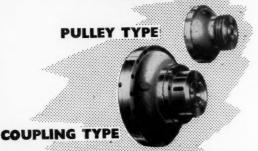
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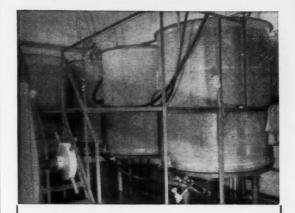
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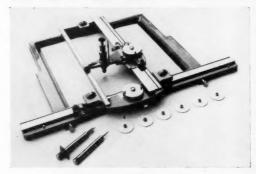
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Editorial

When first we accepted the role of editor, an old hand at the game suggested that our success would be measured by the number of "peeves" we were able to germinate.

This month we have managed to bring to light two of our "pet peeves"—incidentally DE welcomes your engineering peeves, too. Feel free to use the pages of this book to air your thoughts and discuss common problems.

As hinted in last month's issue, Alex MacDonald has researched and recorded the facts on the role of the Canadian engineer as a lawmaker. We urge you, as an engineer and citizen, to read it (see page 66), even if the facts do not make good reading.

Professional engineers are indeed shirking their responsibilities. Yes, we know about C. D. Howe — but can you name one other Canadian engineer who has made a mark in politics in the last decade or so? We can't.

What must we do about it? We could start by educating ourselves in these matters. Professional societies, for instance, could well afford to broaden their horizons — there is nothing so sterile as an engineer surrounded by a technological fence.

Drafting is the language of the engineer

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Five different authors have helped us air our second peeve — the status of the engineering drawing office in Canada.

Drafting is the language of the engineer . . . its high stature in the Canadian business world automatically begets to it many benefits and obligations.

One of our authors describes the average Canadian drawing office as the "neglected step-child of management." If such is the case, then we must hasten to add that the fault is not all with management. The men who work in the drawing offices must share a large part of that blame.

▶ Is it management's fault if the engineering department fails to sell its own needs to that management?

▶ Is it management's fault if drafting personnel fail to keep themselves informed of the latest in drafting techniques? (When was the last time **you** read a text on functional drafting?)

▶ Is it management's fault if many so-called draftmen are merely "tracers" — refusing to accept responsibility for originating or developing an idea?

▶ Should we close our eyes when the philosophy of some drawing offices seems to be to do as little work as possible? The quality of a drawing is not always indicated by the length of the time required to complete it!

We are happy to report that not everywhere are things so black. In the past few weeks we have been privileged to look in on a number of excellent drawing offices; two such locations are associated with the Mathews Conveyor Company Limited in Port Hope, Ontario (see page 45), and with the Civilian Atomic Power Department of Canadian General Electric, Peterborough, Ontario. We can readily understand why these two organizations are fast outstripping their competition — new ideas and designs are bound to flourish where good working conditions exist.

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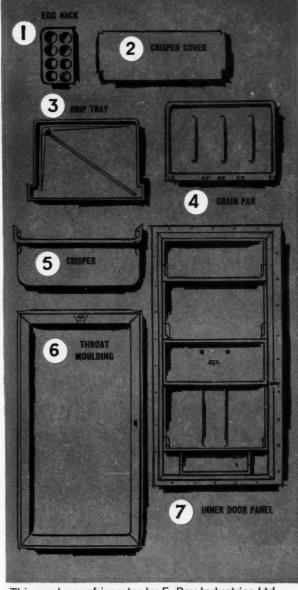




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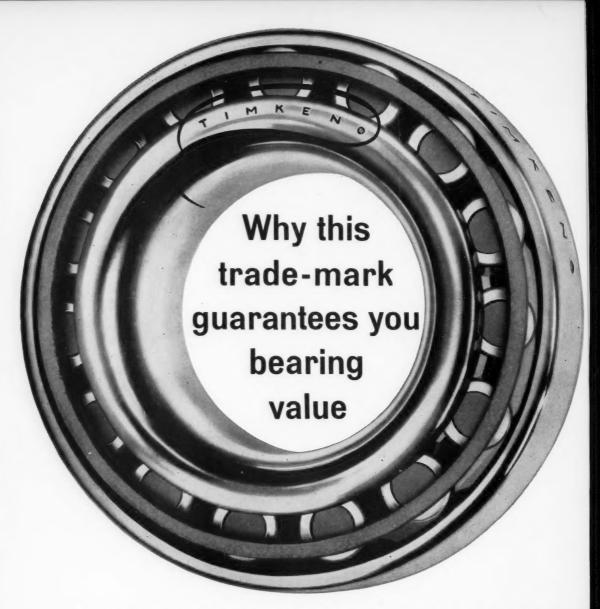
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